

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 384

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charlie Newton of
Hawkins County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charlie Newton; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Newton was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Lynn King and Pauline Kirkpatrick Newton, Mr. Newton worked for Chili Sanders on Breezy Heights Farm in his early years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Newton served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Hawkins County Road Department, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike; he was also a part-time employee at Persia General Store for almost forty years, and he had a heart for the store and its customers; and

WHEREAS, drawn to a life of public service, Mr. Newton represented District 7 as Hawkins County Commissioner for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Newton was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Newton enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Betsy Floyd Newton, and was the proud father of Benjamin Lynn Newton; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his sister, Vicki Seay; his brothers, Gary (Shirley) Newton and Paul (Sharon) Newton; his nieces, Roseanna Newton Self, Megan Newton Rimer, and Emily Newton Reese; his nephews, Hiram Newton, Hugh Newton, and Hunter Newton; his aunt, Wilma McBride; his special cousins, Corey and Katie Courtney; his great-nieces, Morgan Stewart, Kathleen Self, Tyna Newton, and Pauline Lynette Reese; his great-

nephews, Carter Stewart, Caleb Rimer, Daniel Newton, John Marshall Self, Kirk Newton, Rudy Newton, and Eli Newton; and his sister-in-law, Jeanne Newton Lawson; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, Bennie and Ann Floyd; his uncle, John McBride; and his brother-in-law, Sammy K. Seay; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Newton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charlie Newton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Newton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.